

Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1 - 7 (cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle wiper including a wiper blade mounted at the free end of a wiper arm in order to press a wiping stem against a window to be wiped, characterized by the wiper being provided with an wear indicator comprising a substance based at least on an azo compound covered with a protective mask, wherein the wear indicator is activated with the at least partial removal of the protective mask from the substance.

9. (Previously Presented) The wiper according to claim 8, characterized by the wear indicator having multi-layers comprising an adhesive layer and a plastic support film of at least one inert layer made of a substance of a reference color and a reactive degradable layer made from a substance of a different color based on azo compounds.

10. (Previously Presented) The wiper according to claim 9, characterized by the inert and reactive layers being formed respectively by an ink in which a chemically inert pigmentation, defining the reference color, and an organic pigment based on azo by-products are produced.

11. (Previously Presented) The wiper according to claim 10, characterized by the organic pigments being mixed with mineral oxides.

12. (Currently Amended) The wiper according to claim 10, characterized by the inks being successively ~~places~~ placed on the plastic support via silk screening.

13. (Currently Amended) The wiper according to claim 9, characterized by the plastic support film being of one of polyvinyl, polypropylene and polyester and being covered by a the protective mask fixed to the support film in a detachable manner, via a semi-porous adhesive, the mask being pulled back during the mounting of the blade on the wiper.

14. (Previously Presented) The wiper according to claim 8, characterized by the wear indicator being carried by the wiper blade.

15. (New) A motor vehicle wiper blade comprising:
a wear indicator on the wiper including a substance based at least on an azo compound covered with a protective mask, wherein the wear indicator is activated with at least partial removal of the protective mask from the substance.

16. (New) The wiper blade of claim 15 further comprising:
the wear indicator having multi-layers including an adhesive layer and a plastic support film of at least one inert layer made of a substance of a reference color and a reactive degradable layer made from a substance of a different color based on azo compounds.

17. (New) The wiper blade of claim 16 further comprising:
the inert and reactive layers being formed respectively by an ink in which a chemically inert pigmentation, defining the reference color, and an organic pigment based on azo by-products are produced.

18. (New) The wiper blade of claim 17 further comprising:
the organic pigments being mixed with mineral oxides.

19. (New) The wiper blade of claim 17 further comprising:

the inks being successively placed on the plastic support via silk screening.

20. (New) The wiper blade of claim 16 further comprising:
the plastic support film being of one of polyvinyl, polypropylene and polyester and being covered by the protective mask fixed to the support film in a detachable manner, via a semi-porous adhesive, the mask being pulled back during the mounting of the blade on the wiper.

21. (New) A motor vehicle wiper comprising:
a wiper blade mountable at a free end of a wiper arm in order to press a wiping stem against a window to be wiped; and
a wear indicator carried on the wiper blade including a substance based at least on an azo compound covered with a protective mask, wherein the wear indicator is activated with the at least partial removal of the protective mask from the substance, the wear indicator having multi-layers including an adhesive layer and a plastic support film of at least one inert layer made of a substance of a reference color and a reactive degradable layer made from a substance of a different color based on azo compounds, the inert and reactive layers being formed respectively by an ink in which a chemically inert pigmentation, defining the reference color, and an organic pigment based on azo by-products are produced, the organic pigments being mixed with mineral oxides, the inks being successively placed on the plastic support via silk screening, the plastic support film being of one of polyvinyl, polypropylene and polyester and being covered by the protective mask fixed to the support film in a detachable manner, via a semi-porous adhesive, the mask being pulled back during the mounting of the blade on the wiper.

22. (New) A wiper blade of a motor vehicle comprising:

a wiper stem made of elastomers; and
a wear indicator, wherein the wear indicator includes a substance based at least on an azo compound, the substance based on the azo compound having a sensitivity to chemical and physical conditions and having mechanical constraints comparable to that of the elastomers making up the wiper stem.

23. (New) The wiper blade of claim 22 further comprising:
the wear indicator having multi-layers including an adhesive layer and a plastic support film of at least one inert layer made of a substance of a reference color and a reactive degradable layer made from a substance of a different color based on azo compounds.

24. (New) The wiper blade of claim 23 further comprising:
the inert and reactive layers being formed respectively by an ink in which a chemically inert pigmentation, defining the reference color, and an organic pigment based on azo by-products are produced.

25. (New) The wiper blade of claim 24 further comprising:
the organic pigments being mixed with mineral oxides.

26. (New) The wiper blade of claim 23 further comprising:
the inks being successively placed on the plastic support via silk screening.

27. (New) The wiper blade of claim 23 further comprising:
the plastic support film being of one of polyvinyl, polypropylene and polyester and being covered by the protective mask fixed to the support film in a detachable manner, via a semi-porous adhesive, the mask being pulled back during the mounting of the blade on the wiper.